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Indonesia: A charitable organization named Peduli Anak Aceh (PAA), also known as the Care for Children of Aceh Foundation; its mandate, its founders and when and where it was founded; whether this organization still exists; treatment of the members of this organization by the government (1999-July 2004) Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa

In a 14 July 2004 correspondence, a United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) durable solutions officer working in the Jakarta office indicated that the UNHCR could not confirm the existence of an organization called the Care for Children of Aceh Foundation, or Peduli Anak Aceh (PAA) in Indonesian. The officer informed the Research Directorate that the UNHCR had contacted several non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with activities in the province of Aceh, but that the NGOs were unable to provide any information about the PAA; the NGOs had no knowledge of the organization, and they did not think that it was part of the NGO network in Aceh (UNHCR 14 July 2004).

No other information about the PAA, its mandate, its founders, the year and location of its founding or the treatment of its members by the government could be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate within the time constraints of this Response to Information Request.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim to refugee status or asylum. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Response.

<u>Reference</u>

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Jakarta. 14 July 2004. Correspondence sent to the Research Directorate from a durable solutions officer.

Additional Sources Consulted

The United Nations Children's Funds (UNICEF) in Indonesia did not respond to a request for information within the time constraints for this Response.

Internet sites, including: Amnesty International, *Antara, Bisnis Indonesia, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, Detikcom,* European Country of Origin Information Network, Human Rights Watch, International Media Online, *The Jakarta Post*, Jatim, Kompas, Media Indonesia, Onlinenewspapers.com, Search Indonesia, Suara Pembaruan, Suaratkabar.com, UNICEF, United Nations Development Program, World News Connection, World News Network.

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